



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report Flash Flooding August 20, 2007, 3pm

SUMMARY

The remnants of Tropical Storm Erin, now an intense low pressure system moved from Oklahoma into Missouri along the I-44 corridor. This storm dumped 8-10 inches of rain in a very short span in Southwest Missouri. Among the counties hardest hit were Dade, Lawrence and Polk Counties. Missouri State Water Patrol has assisted local communities in swift water rescue throughout the area.

County Reports

Dade County— Several roads and bridges in the County are underwater (both north and south part of the counties). Estimated local rain amounts to 9-11 inches of rain

Greene County – Several roads and at least one bridge washed out in Northern Greene County (Ash Grove and Walnut Grove Area). City Utilities of Springfield reported about 5,000 customers were without power when two substations were hit with lightening strikes this morning. Most of these customers have been returned to service.

Lawrence County—Officials report several roads with four feet of water over them. Miller School reported flooding damage. Some homes with flood damage, but all are habitable. One rescue by Missouri State Water Patrol.

Polk County— State Highway 13 is closed in two places. Several county roads are closed due to high water. One fire destroyed a home. Over a dozen highway accidents and four rescues, but no fatalities. Pleasant Hill area closed, but water is receding. Eight rescues by Missouri State Water Patrol.

State Actions

MoDOT – Transportation is assisting local jurisdictions in road closure and openings.

Missouri State Highway Patrol – Troopers are assisting local jurisdictions in road closures and detours as necessary.

Missouri State Water Patrol - Have answered 9 calls for water rescue (8 in Polk and 1 in Lawrence Counties). They are re-deploying personnel downstream in case of additional calls for rescue.

Missouri Information Analysis Center – Continues to monitor the situation and is advising local jurisdictions to be prepared as the storm moves along the I-44 corridor.

SEMA will continue to monitor the situation and will have further updates as necessary. **This will be the only report on this incident.**

Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) anticipates that this storm will weaken as it progress up the I-44 corridor. Moderate to light showers are expected in the Rolla, Cuba and St. Louis Metro areas later today and this evening.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.